



Mary Louise Catanese

December 12, 1927 - January 7, 2022

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1927–2022

Mary Louise Catanese, born on December 12, 1927, was a lifelong resident of McDonoghville Gretna, Louisiana, and earned her official angel wings on January 7, 2022.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Loyola University New Orleans in 1948, Mary Louise began her 40-year 2nd grade teaching career at Adolph Meyer School. She then taught students as a founding faculty member of Alice M. Harte School from 1956 until her retirement in 1987. Mary Louise also earned a Master's degree in Education from Loyola in 1955, which led to her affiliation with Holy Cross College as a supervising teacher mentoring other aspiring teachers in the college's education program.

Mary Louise was an active member at St. Anthony Church in Gretna. She was a founding member of the St. Anthony Ladies' Club, in which she held the positions of Treasurer and Social Coordinator of Activities until the young age of 90. In 1988, she was awarded the Order of Saint Louis IX Medallion for her significant contributions and dedication to the church. Her hobbies included sewing, traveling the world, and attending Tulane and New Orleans Saints football games with her dear friend Bummie Wilson.

Beloved daughter of the late Anthony J. Catanese and Jennie Macaluso Catanese.

Sister of Lena Mae Catanese Delger (Alvin), the late Joseph Catanese (Evelyn), and the late Ephie Catanese (Reba).

Aunt of Laurie Delger Buhrer (Paul), Peter Delger (Dara), Anthony Catanese (Michele), Pamela Catanese Weinberg (George), and the late Marlene Catanese Parker (Kenneth).

Great aunt of Tanya Parker Blondiau (Michael), Joel Weinberg (Kristin), Seth Weinberg, Justin Torres (Jackie), Maci Torres (Tanner Smith), Russell Buhrer, Ryan Buhrer, and

Madison Delger.

Great-great aunt of Arleigh Smith, Samantha and Hallie Blondiau, as well as Nolan, Nate, and Alexis Weinberg.

The family would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to both the Gretna and Baton Rouge Heart of Hospice caregivers and the staff at Fidelis V Care for the kindness, love, and compassion extended to our beloved Aunt Mare.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a memorial visitation at St. Anthony Church, 924 Monroe Street in Gretna, Louisiana, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in McDonoghville Cemetery, 520 Hancock Street in Gretna, Louisiana.

Due to COVID 19 we ask all attendees to please have a mask on hand in the event it is required at the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Anthony Church, 924 Monroe Street, Gretna, Louisiana 70053.

Mothe Funeral Homes will handle the arrangements. The family invites you to share your thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at www.mothefunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

McDonoghville Cemetery

520 Hancock St.
Gretna, LA 70053

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

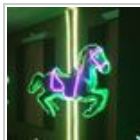
St Anthony Catholic Church-Gretna
701 Burmaster Street (corner Franklin Street)
Gretna, LA 70053

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms Catanese was my 1st grade teacher at Alice Harte Elementary. Thanks for her love and blessing she gave to all the children she taught including me. Photo here is about when I was in first grade. Gary Lipps, Mandeville, LA*



Gary Lipps - January 26 at 11:25 AM

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“ *This 2006 photo is how Mary Louise looked when I, a cousin, met her at our family reunion that year. We saw each other at several others and shared knowledge of our family history. My sincere condolences, along with those of my husband, to her family. Thank you sincerely for the thoughtful and detailed obituary that honored her many contributions to our community.*

Christine A. Ewy



C Ewy - January 23 at 12:41 PM

RS

“ *Ms. Catanese was a wonderful teacher to my children at Alice Harte! She will be fondly remembered.*

Rosalind Sutherland

Rosalind Sutherland - January 23 at 12:31 PM

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“ *Mary Louise was a welcomed guest in our home many times with our cousin , Bummie. We visited, Juarez, Mexico. Cloudcroft, NM and all over El Paso, TX over the years. She was a kind, gentle, and loving person. Lena Mae, Laurie and Peter , we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all . Page and Benny Morgan and our 2 girls, Kathryn and Angela*

Page K. Morgan - January 14 at 07:53 PM